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1. PROFESSOR WOJTASIEWICZ INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THERE WAS "NO POINT IN PROFESSOR FARNHAM COMING IN JUNE". HOWEVER, WOJTASIEWICZ ADDED THAT THE ASC WAS ON A "GOOD TRACK" AND THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW WAS AWAITING WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION REGARDING THE ASC. ACCORDING TO HIM, THE MINISTRY IS NOW PREPARED TO PERMIT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW TO GO BEYOND THE PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF PROFESSORS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL D.

2. WOJTASIEWICZ WAS TOLD TO PRESS FOR FORMAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT ON THE ARRIVAL OF PROFESSORS FARNHAM AND HEDIN. HE SAID RECTOR RYBICKI WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE PROBLEM, BUT HOPED THAT PROFESSOR HEDIN COULD WAIT UNTIL JUNE 15 FOR THE WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE MINISTRY. WOJTASIEWICZ SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO MAKE ANY FURTHER AGREEMENT IN WRITING, GIVEN THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED.

3. RECTOR RYBICKI HAS BEEN EXTREMELY BUSY WITH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, HAS BEEN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE SOVIET UNION, AND ALSO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ELECTIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY RECTORSHIPS.

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WOJTASIEWICZ EXPRESSED THE RECTORS APOLOGIES FOR

HIS NOT BEING ABLE TO RESPOND SOONER.

4. DIFFICULT QUESTION AT THIS POINT IS HOW MUCH
PRESSURE SHOULD EMBASSY APPLY TO PROCURE MINISTERIAL
APPROVAL OF THE ASC ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY AND DEPART-
MENT'S EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN MAY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE
AS RYBICKI PREVIOUSLY HAD REQUESTED MINIMAL INVOLVE-
MENT OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE EXCHANGE. ALTHOUGH
WE MAY RISK NOT GETTING THE ASC LAUNCHED THIS FALL,
WE BELIEVE IT BEST THAT INDIANA AND WARSAW WORK OUT THE
DETAILS DIRECTLY, WITH OUR ROLE BEING RESTRICTED
SOLELY TO THE FACILITATION OF THE EXCHANGE. ADVISE
ASAP.

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